Import of insulating materials

†*196. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the wires and cables used for power generators and flow of electricity are manufactured in India;

(b) whether talks have been held in the matter with the manufacturers of electrical appliances;

(c) whether the need for import of insulating materials used in some of the cables like high thermal wire has been felt; and

(d) if so, whether any efforts are being made to develop them in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Electrical wire and cables of different varieties and range including high tension cables are manufactured in India. Some of the cables are exported from India and some kind of cables are also imported.

(b) No, Sir. No talks have been held with manufacturers of electrical appliances in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(c) No problem in procurement of insulating material has been brought to the notice of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion by cable manufacturers.

(d) The various insulating compound/materials being manufactured in India are PVC compound, Thermoplastic Semi conducting compound, XLPE Compound (Cross linked polyethylene compound), Zero Halogen Flame Retardant Compound, High Flame Resistance Zero Halogen Cross Linkable Compound etc. The entire petrochemical industry is delicensed and de-regulated. The polymer compounds/insulating materials for wire and cables are under Open General Licence and can be imported depending on the specific requirement of wire and cables industry.

Plan allocation for textiles during Eleventh Plan

*197. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the plan allocations made for textiles during the Eleventh Plan period, sector-wise;

(b) the percentage of decrease/increase over the allocations made for textiles during the Tenth Plan period, sector-wise;

(c) whether any new schemes are proposed to be launched for the development of textile sector during the Eleventh Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes alongwith the targets fixed for achievement?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has projected a tentative outlay of Rs. 12377.66 crore at 2006-07 prices (Rs. 14000.00 crore at current prices) for the Ministry of Textiles for the Eleventh Five Year Plan as compared to a tentative projected outlay of Rs. 3580.00 crore at 2001-02

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